



BDCP panel expected to discuss draft Conservation Strategy

The Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP) steering committee will meet tomorrow at the California Farm Bureau Federation offices, 2300 River Plaza Drive, Sacramento. The meeting is set to begin at 9 a.m. It's expected the committee will continue its discussion of the overview of the draft Conservation Strategy for the Delta. [The document can be found here](#). This document is intended to provide an overview and synopsis of the draft proposed Conservation Strategy, including its key components, for the Bay Delta Conservation Plan. Required by federal and state endangered species laws, the Conservation Strategy is a critical part of the Conservation Plan, a draft of which is due by June. A draft EIR/EIS is due by the end of the year and completion of the BDCP by the end of 2010. The Natural Resources Agency will brief the public on the strategy Wednesday, Feb. 18, from 9 a.m. to noon in the Resources' Auditorium, Sacramento. Meeting times and other details are still being finalized.

DWR posts interim guidelines for funding some Delta projects

The interim 2008 – 2009 guidelines for funding special projects under the Delta Levees Program are now available. [They can be found here](#). DWR is also developing long-term guidelines to ensure prudent, long-term investment in the Delta. These long-term guidelines, however, will not be completed and publicly vetted in time to fund critical flood control projects during the next construction season. So there was an urgent need to develop a fiscal year 2008-09 plan to direct the funding of some projects and complete them before winter rains begin in 2009.

Lower Yolo Bypass subject of new DWR 'Aquacast'

The Lower Yolo Bypass is the latest in the DWR 'Aquacast' series. You can listen to these audio podcasts on most computers and on MP3 players. [You can find it -- and many more DWR Aquacasts -- here](#). The Lower Yolo Bypass is a region of the Delta that stretches from near Sacramento south to Rio Vista. Join Linda Fiack, executive director of the Delta Protection Commission, as she describes the importance of the bypass, and the need to develop a management plan.



Delta included in Water Plan's Regional Reports

The Public Review Draft of Volume 3 of the California Water Plan is being posted this week on the Water Plan website; [click here](#). Volume 3 includes Regional Reports about [the Delta](#), 10 hydrologic regions, the mountain counties area, and a comprehensive look at the entire state. Each report includes a discussion of the region, key challenges, ongoing programs, and information on water supplies and how they're used. Workshops on the Public Review Draft draft will begin in February and will be scheduled through May. Comments about the draft are due by June 5. [Click here](#) for a flier about the Public Review Draft.



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